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TAGS: SREF, UNHCR
SUBJECT: TRACING OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES

1. UNHCR INFORMED MISSION OF A RECENT LETTER FROM SENATOR
HIRAM FONG REQUESTING THAT HCR SET UP A WORLDWIDE COMPUTER
SYSTEM TO LIST LOCATION OF ALL INDOCHINA REFUGEES. PURPOSE
OF SYSTEM WOULD BE TO LOCATE MISSING PERSONS AND REUNITE
FAMILIES. USG WOULD BE EXPECTED FURNISH DATA ON THOSE REFUGEES
LOCATED IN US.

2. SENATOR FONG STATED THAT MANY PERSONS BELIEVED STILL
TO BE VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA OR DEAD MAY IN FACT BE LOCATED
IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FONG INDICATED THAT SOME PERSONS
SEEKING REPATRIATION ARE DOING SO IN BELIEF THAT
THEIR FAMILIES REMAINED IN VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA, WHEN IN
FACT THEY MAY BE ELSEWHERE.

3. UNHCR RESPONDED JULY 9 AGREEING WITH NEED FOR INFOR-
MATION SYSTEM BUT POINTING OUT THE USG HAS ELABORATE
SYSTEM IN OPERATION TO WHICH UNHCR INTENDS CONTRIBUTE
DATA ON INDIVIDUALS OUTSIDE US TERRITORIES.

4. SINCE RESPONSE TO SENATOR FONG, UNHCR HAS DISCUSSED
MATTER WITH ICRC WHICH HAS TRADITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TRACING OF MISSING PERSONS. ICRC IS IN PROCESS OF
SENDING TEAMS TO COUNTRIES WHERE REFUGEES ARE
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LOCATED TO REGISTER NAMES AND DEVELOP OTHER PERTINENT

DATA. IN ADDITION ICRC HAS ASKED NATIONAL RED CROSS
SOCIETIES, INCLUDING THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, TO
FURNISH RELEVANT DATA TO THE TRACING SERVICE.

5. AS UNHCR BELIEVES SUBJECT OF TRACING SYSTEM MAY
BE BROUGHT UP AT SENATE HEARINGS THIS WEEK, MISSION
SUGGESTS THAT SEN. FONG'S OFFICE BE INFORMED OF ICRC'S
TRADITIONAL AND VERY EFFECTIVE ROLE IN TRACING
MISSING PERSONS. MISSION AND UNHCR BELIEVE
DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE AVOIDED.DALE

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